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FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS

HEREWITH FULL TEXT DANA ADAMS SCHMIDT ARTICLE, THURSDAY, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, HEADLINED: PEACE HOPES RISE AS HAK, SADAT TALK SUB-HEAD: DIPLOMATS IN CAIRO SAY EGYPT WILLING TO MEET ISRAEL'S DEMAND FOR PLEDGE FOR NON-BELLIGERENCY. ARTICLE ON PAGE ONE, 3 COLUMN PIC CAIRO STREETCAR, CAPTION: CAIRO-WHERE PEOPLE ARE INDIFFERENT TO KISSINGER THIS TIME.

BEGIN TEXT: CAIRO - PROSPECTS FOR PROGRESS IN U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S CURRENT MIDDLE EAST MISSION ROSE AFTER HE HAD SPENT A WHOLE AFTERNOON TALKING TO EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT.

DR. KISSINGER HAD DRIVEN STRAIGHT TO HIS MEETING WITH MR. SADAT AFTER ARRIVING FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH ISRAELI LEADERS IN JERUSALEM. ON THE FLIGHT AN ANONYMOUS OFFICIAL IN THE KISSINGER PARTY HAD VOICED CONFIDENCE THAT THE CURRENT MISSION WAS ON THE TRACK. AND THIS FEELING OF CONFIDENCE

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WAS ENHANCED WHEN BOTH DR. KISSINGER AND PRESIDENT SADAT

ANNOUNCED AFTER THEIR DISCUSSIONS THAT THEY HAD MADE

PROGRESS AND GOTTEN DOWN TO SPECIFICS.

THE TWO MEN MADE THEIR STATEMENTS BENEATH A BANYAN TREE IN THE SETTING SUN AT THE GUEST HOUSE AT THE NILE BARRAGE NORTH OF CAIRO WHERE DR. KISSINGER HAD BEEN PRESIDENT SADAT'S GUEST FOR A WORKING LUNCH. NEITHER WOULD GO INTO DETAILS. BUT DIPLOMATS IN CAIRO SAID EGYPT WAS WILLING TO MEET ISRAEL'S DEMAND FOR AN EGYPTIAN DECLARATION OF NONBELLIGERENCY WITH MORE PUBLIC STATEMENTS (SUCH AS MR. SADAT RECENTLY MADE TO THE TIMES OF LONDON) THAT HE WILL NOT ATTACK ISRAEL.

QUIET COMMITMENTS - THE DIPLOMATS THINK MR. SADAT ALSO WOULD MEET ISRAELI SECURITY DEMANDS WITH COMMITMENTS TO PROLONG THE LIFE OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IN SINAI, BY ESTABLISHING DEMILITARIZED ZONES AND QUIET UNPUBLICIZED COMMITMENTS TO KEEP EGYPTIAN FORCES IN SINAI AT LOW LEVELS.

THE ANONYMOUS OFFICIAL ON THE SECRETARY'S PLANE ON THE FLIGHT TO CAIRO HAD TOLD CORRESPONDENTS THAT THE ISRAELIS WOULD WANT SOMETHING MORE THAN INTANGIBLES IN RETURN FOR TERRITORY SUCH AS THE MITLA AND GIDI PASSES AND THE ABU RUDEIS OILFIELD. (AN INTANGIBLE ALREADY MOOTED IS THE DECLARATION BY EGYPT OF NONBELLIGERENCE TOWARD ISRAEL.) THE OFFICIAL DECLINED TO SAY WHAT THE TANGIBLE MIGHT BE. BUT OBSERVERS HAVE SUGGESTED A WIDE RANGE OF POSSIBILITIES - OPEN COMMUNICATIONS, INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES BETWEEN CAIRO AND TEL AVIV, ECONOMIC CONTACTS, OR UNIMPEDED PASSAGE OF ISRAELI CARGOES THROUGH THE SUEZ CANAL.

DR. KISSINGER HAS MOVED BETWEEN TWO LEVELS OF SKEPTICISM IN ISRAEL AND IN EGYPT.

SUPPRESSED TITERS - IN ISRAEL THERE REMAINS A CERTAIN FASCINATION, A JEWISH PRIDE IN THE SECRETARY'S JEWISH BACKGROUND, MIXED WITH GROWING APPREHENSION AND DISTASTE FOR THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE. "WE ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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IMMUNE TO KISSINGERISM NOW, " SAID A PROMINENT EDITOR. "WE ARE DOUBTFUL ABOUT WHAT ADVANTAGE THERE COULD BE IN AN INTERIM AGREEMENT THAT MIGHT WELL BE SWEP ASIDE BY THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WHENEVER IT MEETS. WE ARE MORE AND MORE INCLINED TO THINK IT WOULD BE AS WELL TO GO TO GENEVA NOW. IN THE END ANY PERMANENT AGREEMENT HAS GOT TO BE UNDERWRITTEN BY THE RUSSIANS AS WELL AS THE AMERICANS."

AND THERE WERE SUPPRESSED TITERS AMONG ISRAELIS IN THE  
KING DAVID HOTEL BALLROOM WHEN DR. KISSINGER, REPLYING  
TO FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON'S TOAST, ASSERTED THAT  
THAT WHICH WAS BUILT ON FAITH WAS NOT ASKED TO UNDERTAKE  
ANOTHER ACT OF FAITH. "FAITH," DECLARED THE IRREVERENT  
WIFE OF A HIGH ISRAELI OFFICIAL. "WE SHOULD HAVE FAITH  
YET? IN THE EGYPTIANS? OR IN SADAT? OR KISSINGER, MAY-  
BE?"

NO EXCITEMENT - ONE ISRAELI ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION  
WAS GIVEN BY BRIG. GEN. JACOB EVAN, COMMANDER OF THE  
MITLA SECTION OF THE SOUTHERN FRONT, AT A MEETING OF  
CORRESPONDENTS WHO ARRIVED BY HELICOPTER FROM JERU-  
SALEM.

AFTER SURVEYING THE SCENE FROM THE HEIGHT OF THE HILLS  
AT MITLA, WITHIN SIGHT OF THE SUEZ CANAL, AND EXPLAIN-  
ING THAT THERE WERE ONLY FOUR ROADS THROUGH THE  
MOUNTAINS, HE SAID: "THIS IS THE BORDER FROM WHICH WE CAN  
DEFEND ISRAEL."

HE OBVIOUSLY WAS ANGERED BY THE PROSPECT THAT HIS  
POSITION MIGHT BE BARGAINED AWAY BY HIS POLITICAL  
LEADERS.

IN CAIRO, DR. KISSINGER'S ARRIVAL STIRS NO EXCITEMENT.  
LONG GONE ARE THE DAYS OF THE NIXON VISIT, WHEN  
EGYPTIANS SUDDENLY CAUGHT A VISION OF A FUTURE AS A  
FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES. NOW THERE IS INDIFFERENCE.

IMPORTANT STOPOVER? - A CARTOON IN THE LEADING DAILY,  
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AL AHAM, TWO DAYS AGO PICTURED DR. KISSINGER IN THE  
GARB OF AN EXPONENT OF THE ART OF KARATE, ONE-ARMED,  
AND RAISING A RUSTY SWORD MARKED "AMERICAN FOREIGN  
POLICY."

JOHN COOLEY CABLES FROM BEIRUT: DR. KISSINGER'S STOPOVER  
IN SYRIA THURSDAY MAY BE THE BRIEFEST, BUT ONE OF THE  
MOST IMPORTANT, OF HIS CURRENT MIDEAST PEACE MISSION.

IN ALL THEIR PUBLIC STATEMENTS, SYRIAN PRESIDENT  
HAFEZ AL-ASSAD AND MEMBERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT HAVE SEEMED  
TO RULE OUT ANY NEW ACCORD WITH ISRAEL, SHORT OF A  
COMPLETE PEACE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED AT GENEVA.

AS A PREREQUISITE TO THIS, DAMASCUS HAS DEMANDED THAT

ISRAEL EVACUATE REMAINING AREAS OF THE GOLAN HEIGHTS  
CAPTURED IN 1967. BOTH THIS AND SYRIA'S INSISTENCE, WITH  
THE SOVIET UNION, ON A RESUMPTION OF TALKS AT GENEVA WERE

REITERATED BY DAMASCUS AND MOSCOW AT THE CONCLUSION  
OF SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO'S VISIT  
TO DAMASCUS LAST WEEK.

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